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# STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Respondent.

consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

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In the Matter of:

**GARY GLEN JOHNSON,** 

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No. 05A-130-INS 05A-166-INS

## **CONSENT ORDER**

On October 5, 2005 (05A-130-INS) and November 25, 2005 (05A-166-INS), the State of Arizona, Department of Insurance (the "Department"), issued Notices of Hearing in the matter of Gary Glen Johnson ("Johnson"). Johnson wishes to waive his right to a hearing and resolve this matter. Johnson admits the following Findings of Fact are true and

- Johnson was at all material times licensed as a life producer, Arizona license 1. number 6661.
- On or about September 26, 2005, Johnson filed an application for renewal of 2. his life insurance producer's license with the Department.
- 3. Part II. Question B of the renewal application asks, "Have you had any professional, vocational, business license or certification refused, denied, suspended, revoked or restricted, or a fine imposed by any public authority that has not previously been disclosed by you to this agency in a license application?"
- Johnson answered, "Yes" to Part II, Question B of his renewal application and 4. disclosed that an Order to Cease and Desist and imposing administrative penalties had been entered against him by the Arizona Corporation Commission (the "Commission").

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- 5. On November 3, 2005, the Department denied Johnson's renewal application for an accident/health producer and life insurance producer's license.
  - 6. On November 10, 2005, Johnson timely appealed the denial of the renewal.
- 7. On June 29, 2004, the Commission issued an Order to Cease and Desist, Order of Disgorgement, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same (the "Order") In the Matter of Gary Glen Johnson, Johnson Estate Planning Service, Inc., Johnson Estate Planning Service, L.L.P., Docket No. S-03518A-04-0000; Decision No. 67085.
- 8. Johnson admitted and the Commission found that from approximately July 1997 through August 1998, he directly or indirectly offered and sold unregistered securities in the form of 115 promissory notes totaling \$3.5 million to approximately 83 investors, including existing insurance clients, in violation of Arizona's Securities Act. Johnson sold the promissory notes for CapitalPro Asset Management Fund, Inc. ("CapitalPro"), a start-up equipment leasing company based out of Newport Beach, California, through his offices at Johnson Estate Planning Services, L.L.P. and Johnson Estate Planning Service, Inc. Johnson was not registered as a securities dealer or a salesman or exempt from registration. Representatives of CapitalPro claimed that, for technical reasons, no securities license was required to offer and sell the CapitalPro notes and Johnson was under the impression that the Company was a legitimate equipment leasing business and that he was legally authorized to offer and sell these notes. Johnson admitted to the Commission's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in their entirety and agreed to cease and desist from violating the Securities Act, to disgorge all sales commissions earned in the amount of \$164,000 and to pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$12,500 plus interest.
- 9. Pursuant to the terms of the Order, Johnson admitted that, consistent with CapitalPro literature, he told his clients and prospective investors that the CapitalPro

promissory notes were a safe investment option and failed to articulate material risks associated with the CapitalPro note program. Investments in the CapitalPro promissory notes presented a number of inherent risks including the fact that CapitalPro could fail and/or declare bankruptcy without a sufficiently funded collateral account, thereby jeopardizing the investors' entire principal. The notes ranged from 12 to 60 months in maturity, and offered varying interest rates ranging from 8% to 12% per annum, depending on the maturity date of the note. The minimum investment amount allowed in connection with the CapitalPro promissory note program was \$10,000.

- 10. In May 2001, CapitalPro ceased making interest payments to investors and shortly thereafter, notified investors that it had declared bankruptcy. The bankruptcy proceedings resulted in the liquidation of all remaining assets, and the CapitalPro investors were ultimately reimbursed 1% of their original investment principal.
  - 11. Johnson's clients incurred surrender charges and substantial losses.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Johnson's conduct, as alleged above, constitutes demonstrating incompetence or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business, in violation of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(8).
- 3. Grounds exist to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Johnson's insurance producer licenses, impose a civil penalty and/or order the licensee to provide restitution to any party injured by the licensee's action, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-295(A)and (F).

# **ORDER**

### IT IS ORDERED:

The Arizona Life Insurance Producer's License of Respondent Gary Glen
Johnson, license number 6661, is renewed.

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- 2. The Arizona Life Insurance Producer's License of Respondent Gary Glen Johnson, license number 6661, shall be suspended for a period of 120 days, to begin upon entry of this Consent Order.
- 3. Johnson is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) due and payable in four installments of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) during the suspension period. The first installment of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) is to be paid upon return of the Consent Order and Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) is due and payable each thirty days thereafter until paid in full. Johnson's producer's license shall be reinstated after both the 120 period has elapsed and the civil penalty is paid in full.
- 4. The administrative hearing in this matter, currently scheduled for December 15, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at the Office of Administrative Hearings, is hereby vacated.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 29th day of December,

CHRISTINA URIAS, Director Arizona Department of Insurance

# CONSENT TO ORDER

- 1. Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 2. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consents to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Respondent is aware of his right to notice and a hearing at which he may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent

irrevocably waives his right to a hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent 1 2 Order. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature, except as expressly 3 4. contained in this Consent Order, was made to him to induce him to enter into this Consent 4 Order, and that he has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily. 5 Respondent acknowledges that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the 6 5. Director is solely to settle this matter against him and does not preclude any other agency, 7 officer or subdivision of this state from instituting civil or criminal proceedings as may be 8 appropriate now or in the future. 9 10 11 GARY GLEN JOHNSON 12 Date 13 COPY of the foregoing mailed this 14 30th of December , 2005, to: 15 Daniel Martin, Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Hearings 16 1400 W. Washington, Suite 101 Phoenix, Arizona 58007 17 18 Tasha N. Cycholl **David Childers** LOW & CHILDERS, P.C. 19 2999 North 44th Street, Suite 250 Phoenix, Arizona 85018 20 Attorneys for Respondent 21 Mary Kosinski, Executive Assistant for Regulatory Affairs Steve Fromholtz, Licensing Supervisor 22 Arnold Sniegowski, Investigations Supervisor Bob Hill, Investigator 23 Arizona Department of Insurance 2910 N. 44th Street, Suite 210 24 Phoenix, Arizona 85018 25 Moira McCarthy **Assistant Attorney General** 

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